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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Bristol's stores are filled with Christmas goods.

—There are some cases of typhoid fever in the borough.

—The GAZETTE wishes all its readers a very Merry Christmas.

—The turkey that escaped on Thanksgiving will be apt to lose his head on Christmas.

—The Presbyterian Sunday School holds its Christmas Festival on Saturday evening.

—The annual entertainment of the First Baptist Sunday School will be given on Thursday evening, January 2, 1896.

—The Fish Hatchery located just above Bristol is about completed, and will be ready for young fish and eggs in a short time.

—W. C. Tyler has made extensive improvements in the store occupied by the late Nathan Tyler, and a fruit and candy store is now located there.

—Mrs. Sarah Brooks, an old resident of Bristol, died suddenly of heart disease while calling on her daughter, Mrs. Ida Williams, last Friday afternoon.

—List of letters remaining in Bristol post-office, December 19th, 1895: Wm. Simon, Sterling Silverware Co., James H. Kelly, Rev. J. R. Edwards, Sam'l A. Douglass.

—Hugh B. Eastburn, Esq., and Henry Lear, Esq., both of Doylestown, are candidates for National Delegate to the Republican National Convention. There may be others.

—Harvey H. Gillam, assignee, on Saturday sold the 100-acre farm belonging to Cornwell Woolston, in Bristol township, to Dr. William G. Winder, of Andalusia, for $74 per acre.

—Peter L. Rittenhouse and wife, of Tullytown, and Minor H. Ivins and wife, of Falls township, have made assignments for the benefit of creditors. William G. Howell is assignee for the former estate and Amos B. Headley for the latter.

—The United States torpedo boat Cushing passed down the Delaware on Tuesday morning on her way from Brooklyn to Washington City. The entire journey was made through inland waters. The trip was made partly as an experiment to test the practicability of the inland route for light draught boats in case of war.

—John A. Kelly will give his third variety and athletic entertainment in Evans' Hall to-morrow night. The Wood family will again be present. The evening's entertainment will conclude with a grand windup between Prof. Jack Lynch (Geo. Dixon's sparring partner) and Jack Harding, one of the cleverest pugilists in America.

ST. JAMES P. E. CHURCH.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT SERVICE.

The midnight celebration of the Eucharist and service of Holy Communion, which is annually observed in S. James' Church, will be held on Christmas Eve. All visitors to the Church at this midnight celebration of the divine mysteries who may come with devout intention will be welcomed to sittings by the Brotherhood of S. Andrew, and will be supplied with prayer books containing the service so that they can follow with it intelligently.

The Processional hymn will be "Adeste Fideles."

Introit anthem—"There were shepherds abiding in the fields," Myles B. Foster
Kyrie eleison, Missa de Angelis
Eucharistic service, Berthold Tours, in F
Offertorium—"It came upon the midnight," Sir Arthur Sullivan
Retrocessional—"Hark! the Herald Angels."

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION—11 A. M.

The following will be the musical order of the service of Holy Communion in S. James on Christmas morning:

Processional—"Christians awake!"
Introit anthem—"Hosanna to the Son of David!" Hatton
Service of the Eucharist, Dr. Bridge, of Westminster, in D
Offertorium—"O Sion, that bringest good tidings," Sir John Stainer
Retrocessional—"Angels from the realms of glory."

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

The children of S. James' Church will observe their festival service on Christmas Eve. The carols and anthems to be sung are very beautiful. During this service the united Advent offerings of the Sunday School will be presented, and then applied towards the object designated by the Bishop for all the children of the diocese, namely, the building of a Mission church.

A large delegation of members from Capitol Chamber, No 5, O. K. F., of Trenton, N. J., paid a visit to Martha Washington Chamber, No. 2, on the evening of the 12th inst. They were met at the depot by a reception committee and 20 other members of No. 2, accompanied by the Liberty Cornet Band of Bristol and escorted to Washington Hall. The three degrees were there conferred upon a candidate from Trenton by the home team for the edification and instruction of the visitors. After adjournment the visiting companions were taken to Kidd's Cafe where a substantial lunch awaited them, after disposing of which further entertainment was furnished by songs, recitations and instrumental music, songs by Companions John J. Wilson and George Marshall, and a recitation by Companion William H. Smith being especially appreciated and applauded.

The members of John J. Wilson, Court of Woodrangers, expect to pay a visit to Trenton in the near future and confer that degree on the members of No. 5. This is as it should be for no one can be a true Knight of Friendship who has not received this much coveted and highly prized honor, the pleasant memories connected with the initiation remaining with the recipient for years. E.

On Christmas morning, starting at 12 o'clock midnight, the Epworth League Choir of the M. E. Church will make a circuit of the town singing beautiful and appropriate Christmas anthems. Any one who desires the choir to render their selections in front of his or her particular residence, can have their wishes gratified by placing a light in the window as a sign. Contributions are solicited and the money thus secured will be placed in the League fund for purchasing pews for the new church.

THE STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA, December 18th, 1895.—It has been been many years since this city has experienced such turbulent times as prevailed this week during the strike of the street car employes. The rioting which resulted in the destruction of cars was done by young lads and not by the strikers. While there are 2,600 policemen in the city, yet the territory to be guarded is so great and the points of attack so uncertain that it is impossible to guard against an uprising at all places and to quickly quell it when it occurs. A few policemen are powerless in a mob and realizing that opposition on their part only serves to aggravate the crowd, the patrolmen were very cautious about provoking an assault upon themselves. In some instances this was constructed to be due to indifference on the part of the officers, but that was not really the case.

The state authorities had fully made up their minds that President Cleveland should not be allowed to send Federal troops into Pennsylvania. This state probably has the best national guard in the Union and it would be a reflection upon it as well as upon Governor Hastings to permit Federal instead of state troops to quell a riot. At very short notice there could be turned into Philadelphia such an array of infantry, cavalry and artillery as would simply astound the rioters. While roughs do not fear the club of a policeman they have a very wholesome regard for the musket of the soldier and a few armed guards on each car would speedily have cleared the way.

The strikers have the entire sympathy of the great mass of the citizens of Philadelphia, who are indignant at the Union Traction officers because they have been deprived of rights and privileges without reason. No matter what may be the result of the strike which alone will affect the motormen and conductors, the fight against the corporation will be kept up by the people until the free transfer privileges of which they have been deprived are restored. The quarrel was provoked by the officers of the company and they have only themselves to blame for the consequences. This is the opinion of nearly all citizens who have no financial interest in the street railway companies. The people have been given lower rates of postage, lower telegraphic rates, lower fares upon the steam railroads, wages are not as high as prevailed some years ago and they have a right to expect lower rates of transportation upon the street cars. Low fares has proved to be profitable in other cities and it is only a question of time when they will prevail in Philadelphia. The railway officers have tried in vain to make the people believe that they are magnanimous because they have paved the streets, but in doing so they have simply done what they were bound to do under the terms of the ordinances giving them the franchises. They have tried to inforce ten cent fares from Frankford and other points within the city limits and when the passengers rebelled and absolutely refused either to leave the cars or give up extra fares the officers have abandoned their tactics and announced that they will carry the passengers for a single fare, but in doing this they are again merely doing what they are by law obligated to do. The people are in no mood to be fooled and knowing their rights they mean to have them even if the struggle has to be kept up until the Legislature meets in 1897. F. D. M.

Is It For The Public Interest?

I notice by the report of the last meeting of the Borough Council that it was resolved that no bids for a certain piece of work, estimated to cost nearly $1,000, would be received from any non-resident of the borough. Now I am fully in favor of encouraging local enterprise in every way consistent with the public interest, but it is to me at least, an open question, whether it is for the advantage of our town to practically create a "ring" of favored bidders by thus restricting the field from which bids for public work can be invited. The following item taken from the "Ledger" of the 13th inst., shows what is thought of this practice in Philadelphia:

A QUEER ORDINANCE.

Council's Committee on Municipal Government yesterday took up the following rather remarkable ordinance, which was introduced by Mr. Upperman: That hereafter no bids shall be entertained and no contracts shall be awarded for public work of any kind whatever (whether new work or repairs), and any contract made for new works, repair, or for materials and supplies for the city shall be restricted to residents and real estate owners in the city of Philadelphia.

When it was read Chairman Bucholz said: To my mind that ordinance is clearly unconstitutional.

Mr. Audenried said: It is plainly illegal.

Mr. Bucholz suggested that the City Solicitor be asked for his opinion of it, but it was decided to save the Solicitor the trouble by reporting it negatively.

It is not for one unlearned in the law to express an opinion as to the legality or otherwise of the action of Town Council as above referred to, but I think there can be but one opinion about it among thinking people, and that is that such a course, however plausible it may appear, if it be made a precedent for future legislation, cannot but conflict with the public interest for the reason stated. JOHN C. MAULE.

Bristol, 12th month 17th, 1895.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Fair warning was given in this column a short time ago to all members of Bristol Castle, No. 409, K. G. E., to be on the alert as an interesting event was near at hand. Those who did not heed our words and were absent from the meeting on Tuesday evening the 17th inst. missed a rare treat. A picked team from Chosen Friends Castle, Philadelphia were present and conferred the 2nd degree upon a candidate. The work performed by these Sir Knights in full uniform was beautiful and impressive beyond the conception of any one who has never witnessed Golden Eagle initiations. After adjournment the visitors were conducted to the first floor of Mohican Hall, where they were treated to a substantial supper. The tables were waited upon by a bevy of Bristol's fairest maids, whose bright eyes made sad havoc with the hearts of the brave and handsome Eagles, and caused them to linger until the train was due and they had to flee for the station with fond adieux half said but with a determination in every heart to return ere long and again enjoy the hospitality of 409.

ANCIENT AND MODERN BRISTOL.

THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT.

A Review of the Town from its Earliest Settlement, 200 years ago, to the present time. Its Early Settlers, its Fairs, its Churches, Markets, Mills and Factories. The Business Houses of the Present Day, Etc., Etc.

ON DECEMBER 20th, 1695, just two hundred years ago, Anthony Burton and Thomas Brock purchased, and afterwards staked out in streets and building lots, the land upon which the borough of Bristol now stands.

The little collection of log cabins which were erected in the years that closely followed by the settlers upon the banks of our beautiful river, have been gradually superceded by the substantial and comfortable residences that today meet the eye. The hardy pioneers of two hundred years ago who with axe and cleaver cleared the land and erected their unpretentious habitations have given place to another class of people who know nothing of the toil, privations and hardships which were endured by those who preceded them.

The site of Bristol is on a grant of 240 acres by Sir Edmund Andros to Samuel Clift, made in 1681. Clift left the tract to his son-in-law, John Young, in 1682. Young sold it in 1695 to John Brock and Anthony Burton for £90. In 1697 the Provincial Council, in accordance with survey and draft submitted to them ordered a town to be laid out, and on November 14th, 1720, Bristol was incorporated into a borough by Letters Patent from the Crown. The petition for the incorporation was dated 1715, but was not granted until the date above named.

The first burgesses of the newly made borough were Joseph Bond and John Hall. The first High Constable was Thomas Clift.

Bristol owes its origin to the desire of the earliest settlers in the lower part of Bucks county, and especially those in what was once called Buckingham township (now Bristol) to establish a market town for the county. Two priviledges were granted to Bristol by its ancient charter, namely the markets and fairs. The markets were allowed every Thursday and the fairs twice a year, and two days each. Whenever the fairs were held they were the centre of attraction. The buying and selling of general merchandise and of live stock brought crowds to the town from all the country round and it was also a season of great jollification. While some attended them for the purposes of barter and sale the great majority were there for fun and hilarity. It is recorded that horse racing, gambling, drinking and stealing prevaled to an alarming extent. On the last day of these fairs the masters allowed their negro slaves to attend, and they, too, had a jubilee. The lawlessness and crime engendered at these popular gatherings at last became so great that on the 10th of November, 1773, the Burgess and Council resolved that the fair was useless on account of the large number of stores, and that the "debauchery, idleness and drunkeness consequent on the meeting of the lowest class of people together is a real evil, and calls for redress." They had no authority however to abolish them, as they were granted in the charter, so the legislature was applied to, and the relief asked for was given in 1796.

In 1715, the year when the application was made for the incorporation of Bristol, Alexander Graydon, Esq., visited Bristol, and in his memoirs says: "The great road leading from Philadelphia to New York, skirting the inlet at the head of which stands the mills, and thence turning short to the left along the Delaware, formed the principal street, called Mill street, 120 perches long and 3 perches wide. This was the only street marked by a continuity of buildings. A few other streets were opened from the main one, on which here and there stood an humble dwelling." He says at a corner of one of these streets stood a Quaker meeting house and at a more remote spot a small Episcopal church, "whose lonely grave yard with its surrounding woody scenery might have furnished an appropriate theme for such a muse as Grays."

Bristol was the first seat of justice in Bucks county. In 1705 the Assembly authorized the erection of a court house. It was a two story brick 24x34 and had a whipping post attached. A beam extended from the gable to be used as a gallows in case an execution was ordered. The upper room was used as a court room, and the lower one as a prison. The building stood on Cedar street in the lot now owned by W. H. Booz.

The Bath Springs were among the earliest attractions of Bristol. Discovered in 1700, the water was resorted to for its medicinal properties, by persons from all parts of the country. The celebrated Dr. Rush, of Philadelphia, in a paper read in 1773 before the Philadelphia Historical Society, highly recommended them as posessing great curative properties. In 1816 a grand national ball was held at the Springs, in which a large attendance of notables from this and foreign countries was present. The buildings at the Springs have gradually been allowed to decay and today there is no mention made of them either at home or elsewhere.

Another old institution of Bristol were the mills on Mill street, now owned by J. and A. Dorrance. They were built by Samuel Carpenter in 1701. Then vessels from the river sailed up to the door to load and unload their cargoes. The mills are now idle, and the large trade they once enjoyed has gone elsewhere.

The Friends were the pioneers in the religious element in Bristol. The records show that as early as 1704 they had an organization here. The Meeting-house on the corner of Market and Wood streets, was erected in 1710; it was repaired in 1738 and enlarged in 1763. The brick and a portion of other material used in its construction was obtained from England.

St. James' Episcopal Church was built in 1711 by the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel in Foreign Lands. Anthony Burton gave the ground and Queen Anne the silver service, which was stolen in after years.

The M. E. Church was the next one built. It was erected in 1808, enlarged in 1827, rebuilt in 1844, and this year a large and imposing stone edifice is being erected to accommodate the large congregation that worships within its walls.

St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church was first built in 1845. It was twice destroyed by fire and rebuilt.

The Presbyterian Church was built in 1844 and enlarged in 1872.

The Baptist Church was built in 1852.

The first public school building was erected in 1837 on Wood street. The second in 1852 on Otter street. The third on Washington street, and the fourth on Bath street, and the fifth, the handsome High School building on the corner of Wood and Mulberry streets, was erected last year.

St. Mark's parochial school, on Radcliffe street, was built in 1887.

There are three halls in Bristol. The Masonic building on Cedar street was erected in 1852. Washington Hall, corner of Radcliffe and Walnut streets, the home of the I. O. O. F., in 1847; and Mohican Hall, bought from the School Board, on Otter street.

That remarkable looking edifice standing in the middle of Market street and facing Radcliffe street and known as the Town Hall, has a history. It was built in 1831 in order to secure $200 which was left by Samuel Scotten to the borough to aid in the purchasing of a town clock. By the terms of the will it was necessary that the building should be erected before the first of January, 1832. It was roofed in on the 31st of December, 1831—just in time. The cost of its erection, the clock and incidental expenses incurred to secure the $200 was $3781.

The Farmers National Bank is one of the landmarks in Bristol. It is the oldest Bank in Bucks county. It was chartered in 1814. It was first located at Hulmeville. John Hulme was its first president and George Harrison its first cashier. The Bank remained in Hulmeville until 1830, when it was removed to Bristol and located in Dr. Pursell's building on Mill street adjoining the post office. In 1833 it was removed to its present location. The building it now occupies was built in 1818 by James Craig, of Philadelphia, for a summer residence at a cost of $15,000.

The opening of the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal in 1830 from Bristol to New Hope and its completion to Easton in 1832 marked an important era in the history of Bristol. It became a great point for the shipping of coal to the eastern states. Coal wharves lined the Delaware from the canal basin to Walter Laing's place beyond the borough limits, and large quantities of coal were shipped, giving employment to hundreds of hands at good wages. At times twenty vessels, many of them of large tonnage, would be waiting to take in cargoes. The captains of these vessels would take in their supplies from Bristol storekeepers and a thriving and rushing business was transacted. But there came an end to this season of great prosperity. The shipping of coal by the Reading Railroad Company from [illegible] outlet lock at New Hope, knocked the coal trade that had concentrated at Bristol silly. The town subsided into a state of extreme lethargy. The life was all taken out of it. The old residents walked through the quiet streets and enjoyed the balmy air of summer, and sat around their firesides during the fierce blasts of the winter months, and Micawber like waited for something to turn up. They knew that from its favorable situation between the largest cities of the United States—New York and Philadelphia—its unequalled facilities of transportation, its natural advantages of various kinds, that the time would come when Bristol's arteries would again be pulsating with the throb of business life.

Then the factories came. Employment was given to many. The town took on new life. It began to grow. The fires in iron mills were lighted, the hum of the spindles was heard, the click of the loom became music to the ear of many willing workers who had had no opportunity before, the carpenter and mason became busy, and an air of general prosperity again prevailed. Since 1852 many mills and factories have been erected, the invested capital of which amounts to between one and two million of dollars.

The road from Philadelphia to Morrisville, via Bristol, was ordered to be laid out by the Provincial Council, at a meeting held in Philadelphia November 19, 1686. It was called the King's Highway, and was the first public road laid out that ran through Bucks county. Upon the bed of this road was built the Bristol and Frankford turnpike, incorporated in 1803. The turnpike was commenced in 1804 and finished to Bristol in 1810 and completed to Morrisville in 1812 at a cost of $209,300. The mile stones placed along the road had in addition to the figures placed upon them the letter "T" so that travelers might know how many turnpike miles they had traveled. The only old mile stone now standing in Bristol is opposite the GAZETTE office on the corner of Radcliffe and Walnut streets.

In 1773 Charles Bessonett of Bristol put on a line of stage coaches between Philadelphia and New York. The trip was made in two days. After the revolution new lines were formed, the most notable of which was that of James Reesides, whose famous four horse stage line from Philadelphia to New York was regarded as the acme of comfort and speed in those days. His coaches were large and comfortable and held twelve passengers, and he had a relay of horses every ten miles of the way. The trip was made in the unprecedented time of ten hours. The fare was six dollars.

Fitch's steamboat was the first vessel propelled by steam on the Delaware. The first trip was from Philadelphia to Burlington. As she was making her landing the boiler exploded creating consternation among her passengers and discouragement to those who had given pecuniary aid to the enterprise. She was floated back to Philadelphia, a new boiler was obtained and in October 1778 she made a trip to Trenton and return the same day. She made several trips but some accident to the machinery happened each time and she was finally abandoned and allowed to rot at a dock at Kensington.

The Phoenix was the next boat that essayed to compete with the stage lines. She commenced her trips in 1809 and made daily trips between Philadelphia and Bristol. Since then between thirty and forty steamboats have regularly run on the river between Bristol and Philadelphia.

The railroad came to Bristol in 1834. The track was made of flat iron bars laid on North Carolina stringers. The first train of cars run on the road was from Trenton to Bristol, drawn by horses. It run down Market street to Radcliffe and passengers to Philadelphia took the steamboat at the foot of Market street. The first locomotive was run on the road in 1834. The present superb service given by the Pennsylvania railroad is a vastly different one from that of 1834.

Bristol's hotels deserve a place in this sketch of Bristol's history. The first petition for a license to keep a public house in Bristol was made by Thomas Brock in 1705, who states in his petition that he had resided in the county for a number of years and has been engaged in keeping a public house. In 1728 three others made application to keep public houses. The Buckley house was built in 1735. It was still standing in 1853 and was known as "Willis House." It was located on Radcliffe street where the residences of Mrs. Nesbit and Philip Halzell now are. The old "Buckley" was used as a bake house for American soldiers while quartered in Bristol. Lafayette spent some time within its walls while recovering from a wound received at the battle of Brandywine.

In 1768 Mrs. Rachel Jackson located in in Bath street on the site now occupied by the Closson House, received a license. Robert Reese to keep the Rising Sun on Mill street, John Dowdney to keep the King of Prussia at the corner of Mill and Pond sts., and Charles Bessonett, the George the Third, at the foot of Mill street, now the Delaware House, also received licenses about the same time. In 1785 Archibald McElroy built the Cross Keys and kept an excellent hotel. The building is now occupied by A. Weir Gilkeson, the real estate agent, and the Presbyterian parsonage. In 1790 the Rising Sun property having been sold to the Bristol Mills for a private residence, a license to keep a hotel, on the site of Fine's Railroad House was granted. In 1824 a public house was opened at the foot of Mill street, on the site now occupied by John Jeffries' restaurant.

In 1838 Benjamin Blinn opened a temperance house now occupied by Mrs. Silbert's hotel. In 1854 Archibald Vanhorn opened the Farmers Hotel on Bath street and in 1857 William Early opened the Exchange Hotel, now the Closson House.

Bristol's population is now estimated at 7000. There are about 1500 houses in the town. In 1806 Bristol contained 90 houses. By the census of 1800 the population was 511. The population of Bristol has always exceeded that of any other borough in the county, and to-day it stands unrivalled in this respect by any of the numerous boroughs within the county's territory.

Much of the growth of Bristol can be attributed to its building associations. The first one organized in Bristol was the second one in the state. It was formed on February 22nd, 1847. Joshua V. Buckman was elected [illegible] C. Beatty, treasurer; and Lewis P. Kinsey, Charles T. Iredell, Walter Laing, Joshua Fell, Jonathan Milnor, John Dorrance, L. A. Hoguet and William Hawk, directors. These aids to house building became deservedly popular, and many a worthy man who otherwise would be without a home that he could call his own, has been assisted in the purchase of a comfortable dwelling. Bristol now has four of these institutions, The Bristol, the Union, the Fidelity and the Merchants & Mechanics. All are carefully managed and the good they have accomplished in the way of securing homes for their shareholders can hardly be estimated.

Among the other institutions of Bristol that contribute to the prosperity and comfort of the inhabitants may be mentioned the Bristol Improvement Company, that owns many of the large mills in the town; the Bristol Water Company, the Bristol Gas Light Company, the Bristol Electric Light and Power Company, the Jefferson Land Association and the Bristol Library. There are also five efficient fire companies, which are promptly in line whenever their services are required, and a Bristol Cemetery Land Company, which provides a proper place for the burial of the dead.

Bristol to-day is a favored spot. While in the west the cyclones howl and devastate, and in the north the ice and snow-bound inhabitants can only venture forth in the winter with the utmost discomfort, and in the south the sun's fierce rays take all the vigor from its inhabitants, the people of Bristol seldom find the air too hot in the summer or too cold in the winter to pursue their customary avocations.

Its location upon the great highway of commerce and travel between the great cities of New York and Philadelphia, being within two hours reach of the former and 35 minutes of the latter makes it a most desirable one. The advantages of these cities are as it were brought to our very doors, while we can have at the same time all the comforts of a suburban home. The broad and beautiful Delaware river, that natural artery of trade upon which sails so many craft of all descriptions, is also a source of pleasure. In summer boating parties enjoy its charms, and in winter oft-times can be seen hundreds upon hundreds of merry skaters flashing their shining skates over the glistening ice.

Space will not permit us to go further into detail in the interesting history of this ancient borough. Much might be written that has been left unsaid. The historical facts given in this article have been gathered in a great measure from Bache's History of Bristol, published in 1853, Davis' History of Bucks County, the communications to the GAZETTE of the late William Kinsey, and the official records of Bristol borough. We only desire to add that the business houses of Bristol to-day are fully adequate to the needs of the town. Dry goods, grocery, drug, millinery, jewelry, notion, stationery, candy, fruit, and other stores are found, and are well patronized. Among the enterprising men and women who contribute to the welfare and prosperity of Bristol the GAZETTE calls especial attention to the claims of those who are represented in the following brief sketches:

SILBERT HOUSE.

Mrs. G. S. Silbert, Proprietress.

DURING the stormy days of the Revolution the Silbert House was built, and enjoys the distinction of entertaining Lafayette and many noted Colonials. Mrs. Silbert assumed control nearly 30 years ago, and the manner in which the business has been conducted is an example of what can be accomplished by a woman. Mrs. Silbert possesses superior business qualifications, and this, together with her amiability, has caused the trade of the Silbert House to increase until it exceeds that of any hotel in Bristol. It is a three-story stone building, within one minute's walk from the boat landing, and is elegantly furnished throughout. It has a parlor, reading room, sitting room, and a dining room with a capacity of seating 35 guests, is lighted throughout with electricity and gas, and also has 18 sleeping apartments, nearly all of which are heated. The Silbert House is widely known for its excellent cuisine and service. The table is bountifully supplied with the best substantials and delicacies obtainable. A first-class bar in connection is well stocked with wines, liquors and cigars of both foreign and domestic production. In the rear is a well equipped stable with accommodations for transient teams, and horses entrusted to their care will receive every care and attention. The Silbert House is a home-like, comfortable house, and the amiable proprietress endeavors to make everyone feel satisfied who favor her with their patronage. Personally Mrs. G. S. Silbert is a bright, intelligent lady and understands the hotel business thoroughly.

B. C. FOSTER.

Watches, Jewelry and Silverware.

MR. B. C. FOSTER'S jewelry establishment is a model of elegance in stock and appointments. This business was established in 1847 by Jos. H. Foster, deceased, father of the present proprietor, and from its inception has been a success. The store occupied is handsomely laid out, and may be said to be a source of pride to our residents. The stock includes fine jewelry of every description, diamonds and precious stones, plated and solid silverware, and silver novelties, clocks, watches and optical goods. Fine watch and clock repairing is a specialty. Special attention is also given to eye examinations and correction of the errors of refraction by the use of proper lenses. Mr. B. C. Foster, the present progressive proprietor, entered the business with his father 25 years ago, and upon the death of the former in 1891, assumed complete control. The location is central, being situated on the corner of Mill and Wood streets, and the Christmas stock that has just been received includes the largest and most elegant line of jewelry and novelties ever seen in Bristol. Mr. Foster is well and favorably known by all in Bristol and was Secretary and a member of the School Board for nine years and is at the present time President of the Borough Council.

J. S. SHULL.

Stationer and News Dealer.

ON THE first of October last, Mr. J. S. Shull came here from Spring City, and succeeded Mr. Wm. B. Jones in the old-established stationery and newspaper business at 212 Mill street. In a finely fitted [illegible] ing magazines and periodicals of the day, literary, humorous, illustrated and class weeklies, metropolitan dailies, and cheap, popular literature; also fine stationery, blank books, pads, school and office supplies, and miscellaneous merchandise and novelties pertaining to these special lines. Any book, periodical or article not found in stock will be promptly procured for patrons at publishers' prices. Since Mr. Shull took charge he has invigorated and put life into the business and he solicits your patronage. When orders are entrusted to his care they will receive prompt and courteous attention. Customers can have their daily papers delivered at the house free of charge. Personally Mr. Shull is a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to do business and we predict for him success in his new undertaking.

H. T. W. BICKEL.

Hardware.

IT HAS generally become recognized in Bristol that the house of Mr. H. T. W. Bickel is the leading hardware establishment of this section. It was originally established by J. Quicksall & Co. in 1885, the sole proprietorship lapsing into the hands of the present incumbent three years ago. The premises utilized for sales, storage and display purposes comprise three floors of a building 16x30 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried embraces a general line of heavy and shelf hardware, carpenters' and builders' materials, farmers and mechanics tools and implements, wooden ware, imported and American pocket and table cutlery, and a fine assortment of agate ware, oilcloths, paints, oils, glass, ropes and twines, grind stones, carpet sweepers, and machinery oil, also big line in screens and screen doors. In fact everything to be found in only a first class store of the kind. Estimates furnished to contractors and builders. With ample capital, honorably accumulated and with all the advantages of an unblemished record extending over 10 years, it is not to much to prophesy that this house will have a continuance of the prosperity and influence enjoyed in the past. Mr. H. T. W. Bickel, who is a native of Philadelphia, gives his personal attention to the business and there is no branch of which he is not thorough familiar. Since taking charge he has by superior management and excellent grade of goods carried increased the business to as considerable extent. His house is the recognized headquarters for skates and there is a large assortment to select from. Personally he is a bright, energetic gentleman and since joining issue with the trades folk of Bristol has by honorable dealing won the confidence and respect of all.

W. PARKER FINE.

Real Estate and Insurance.

MR. PARKER FINE established the business under review the 24th day of October last. He occupies the handsomely fitted up offices at 228 Mill street, where an important real estate and insurance business is transacted. Great real estate bargains are now offered by Mr. Fine and those who contemplate the acquisition of desirable property at a low cost, either for occupation or investment, will certainly benefit themselves by calling on him. Properties are looked after, rents collected, abstracts of title furnished and public sales attended to, such as furnishing auctioneer, clerk, attending to security given, etc. In the insurance line Mr. Fine represents the Northwestern National Fire Insurance Company of Milwaukee, and the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York. These companies are prepared to accept the largest risks, guaranteeing absolute indemnity in case of loss. The lowest rates are here quoted, commensurate with solid and safe insurance, and all honest claims are promptly adjusted. Steamship tickets are sold to any part of the world. The house will be found to be essentially an equitable one with which to deal, honorable in its terms and accommodations. All business relating to real estate matters are transacted to the satisfaction and advantage of clients. Mr. W. Parker Fine is a native of Bristol and has a large circle of friends who wish him every success in his undertaking. Personally he is an ambitious, enterprising gentleman, and all transactions effected under his auspices will eventuate to the profit and advantage of those who may be brought into business relations with him.

WM. S. SILBERT.

Eating and Drinking Saloon.

ONE OF the oldest houses in Bristol is at the corner of Mill and Cedar streets occupied by Mr. Wm. S. Silbert, and was originally built out of hewn timber. After numerous important improvements it passed into the hands of its present popular proprietor, Mr. Wm. S. Silbert, in 1884. It was built over 100 years ago and has been a licensed house since 1870. The bar is handsomely fitted up with mirrors, etc., and supplied with the very best of wines, liquors, beers, ales, tobaccos and cigars, of both foreign and domestic production. The proprietor, Mr. Wm. S. Silbert, is a native of Bucks county and is widely known and highly respected. He at one time served as Coroner to the satisfaction of every one. Personally he is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and has at heart anything that has for its factor the benefitting of Bristol.

C. F. LIPPINCOTT.

Tin Roofing, Gas Fitting, &c.

SEVEN years ago the popular establishment under review was founded by the present agreeable proprietor, Mr. C. F. Lippincott. The store is centrally located at 245 Mill street, and is literally packed with every discription of lamps, kitchen utensils, oil stoves, glass-ware, crockery, tin-ware and a host of 10 cent goods. Here can be seen numerous articles suitable for useful Christmas presents. It will be to the advantage of intending purchasers to see the array of goods to be found on the shelves and counters, and to note the remarkably low prices they are sold at. Mr. Lippincott is a practical tin smith and gas fitter of many years experience and does every discription of roofing, gas fitting, plumbing and guttering in the best possible manner and at the lowest prices. The business is under the personal supervision of the proprietor and his amiable wife and all orders received will be attended to promptly. Mr. Lippincott is a native of Salem, N. J., and came here about 7 years ago. He is a man of sound business principles, is highly regarded in trade circles and considered to be one of our most enterprising and successful citizens.

CLOSSON HOUSE.

Mrs. J. W. Closson, Proprietor.

THE CLOSSON HOUSE has been a licensed house since 1854. In 1868 Mr. J. W. Closson purchased the property, and at his death, his widow, Mrs. Closson took charge of the business and carried on the same successfully ever since. It will no doubt be interesting to the residents of Bristol to know that this Borough contains in the Closson House one of the most luxuriently furnished and handsomely appointed hotels to be found in the State of Pennsylvania. The writer has been an extended traveler throughout the United States and is frank to say that few cities of its size can equal this hotel in appointments and conveniences, and certainly there are none that can excel it. All the luxuries that the most fastidious could demand are here to be found in perfection. The general surroundings are cheerful in the extreme and the decorations exhibit the marked good taste of the designers and projectors. There are ladies' and gentlemans' parlors, gentlemens' writing and smoking room, beautifully arranged sleeping apartments, both single and ensuite, ladies' and gentlemens' baths, toilets, &c. The dining room which is handsomely laid out can seat 40 guests comfortably, and the elegant side-board and china boufe displays beautiful cut glass and Dresden china. The bar which has lately been redecorated is unequaled for elegance betweeen Philadelphia or New York and is well stocked with wines, liquors and cigars of both foreign and domestic production. The building is kept warm with the latest improved heaters, and is lighted throughout with both electricity and gas, and electric call bells and annunciators; in fact the

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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M. E. Church Notes.

The Christmas festival for the Infant School of the M. E. Church will be held on Friday afternoon, December 27th. The parents and friends of the children are invited to be present.

The Christmas festival of the M. E. Sunday School will be held on Friday evening, December 27th. In addition to being the recipients of gifts, the scholars will also act as donors, bringing their donations for the poor.

On last Friday evening the monthly business and social meeting of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church was held at the home of Mrs. John Boyd, on Pond street. Six applications for membership were received. After the business was disposed of, the balance of the evening was spent in social intercourse. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Christmas services will be held at the M. E. Church, on Sunday next. In the morning the Pastor, Rev. C. H. Rorer, will preach an appropriate sermon and the choir sing some specially selected Christmas anthems. In the evening the Sabbath School will hold their annual Christmas service. The "Emma Pitt" service has been selected and the music will be in charge of the Sunday School Choir, accompanied by the orchestra of the Epworth League.

—The complete novel in the January Lippincott is by Mrs. Alexander and is entitled "Mrs. Crichton's Creditor." Other articles which go to make up an excellent number are: "The Moonshiner of Fact," by Francis Lynde; "Nativity," (Poem), by Charles G. D. Roberts; "The Woman of Asbestos," by Elizabeth Pullen; "Some Women in Doublet and Hose," by Lyman Horace Weeks; "Longfellow," by Richard Henry Stoddard; "The Way of a Will," by William T. Nichols; "With the Ducking Police," by David Bruce Fitzgerald; "The Man who Came to Town," by Charles Dudley Rhodes; "Landmarks," by Charles C. Abbott; "The Idealist," by Grace F. Pennypacker; "Architecture in America: a Forecast," by John Stewardson; "Our Lady of the Angels," by Dorothy E. Nelson; "An Editorial Copy-Foundry," by Oliver McKee.

Holly Wreathes for Christmas.

Holly wreathes and cresses, laurel wreathes by the yard. Loose holly at very low prices. All kinds of Immortelle designs for the cemetery at

HARRY CHAMBERS' FLOWER STORE, 223 Market Street.

—Flying frogs are numerous in Borneo.

Coal.

As the thermometer touches zero you will find the advantage of using the hardest coal. Less trouble to keep fire and use less coal. The Old Company's Lehigh is the hardest. Sold by W. F. Leedom.

—Busy times these in churches and Sunday school.

—Do not fail to see Birch's dazzling display of blankets, robes, harnesses and sleighs at the Broad Street Repository, Burlington, N. J. Not the horseless kind, as horseless sleighs and carriages would be like a Spring without flowers.

—"What shall I buy?" is the question. Probably our add will help you.

De Witt's Little Early Risers for billousness, indigestion, constipation. A small pill, a prompt cure. J. Edward Wright, 303 Mill Street.

Servants and waiters are especially courteous these days.

One Minute Cough Cure is a popular remedy for croup. Safe for children and adults. J. Edward Wright, 303 Mill Street.

—Hot chocolate now has the call on ice cream soda.

Piles of people have piles, but De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. When promptly applied it cures scalds and burns without the slightest pain. J. Edward Wright, 303 Mill Street.

—The Delaware and Raritan Canal will close for navigation at 7 a. m. to-morrow.

One Minute Cough Cure is rightly named. It affords instant relief from suffering when afflicted with a severe cough or cold. It acts on the throat, bronchial tubes, and lungs and never fails to give immediate relief. J. Edward Wright, 303 Mill Street.

—Blotting paper is made of cotton rags boiled in soda.

Coughing irritates the delicate organs and aggravates the disease. Instead of waiting, try One Minutes Cough Cure. It helps at once, making expectoration easy, reduces the soreness and inflammation. Every one likes it. J. Edward Wright, 303 Mill street.

—The cultivation of tobacco is prohibited in Egypt.

Wife—Here's an account of a man who shot himself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Husband—The fool! Why didn't he take De Witt's Little Early Risers? I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills. J. Edward Wright, 303 Mill street.

—Sunflower stock are now coverted into paper.

No excuse for sleepless nights when you can procure One Minute Cough Cure. This will relieve all annoyances, cure the most severe cough and give you rest and health. Can you afford to do without it? J. Edward Wright, 303 Mill street.

Don't Trust to Luck.

Smoke El Libertina.

—A woman can look thoroughly satisfied when she is not. A man can't do it.

Don't Trust to Luck.

Smoke Rainmakers.

Beautiful Flowers for Christmas.

Pot plants of chrysanthemums, carnations, Chinese lilies, roses, sweet violets, maiden hair ferns and palms for Christmas gifts. Beautiful plants at 25 cents each. Baskets of boquets of choice cut flowers. Sweet violets our Specialty.

CHAMBERS' FLOWER STORE, 223 Market street, Bristol, Pa.

Christmas Goods.

I am now prepared with a fine assortment of Christmas candies, comprising the finest chocolate, bon bons, mixtures, French fruits, etc., from 10 to 60 cents per pound. Also a nice line of toys, games, dolls, blocks, and Christmas trimmings. MRS. BUTLER, 310 Mill Street.

DIED.

BURTON.—On the 18th inst., at his residence in Bordentown, N. J. David B. Burton in the 45th year of his age. Funeral on Saturday 21st inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M. Friends are respectfully invited.

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ANCIENT AND MODERN BRISTOL.

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interior has more the aspect of a country mansion, where a party of friends are brought together, rather than a hotel in the ordinary acceptance of the term. The table is bountifully spread with all the delicacies of the season, nor are the more substantials by any means lacking. The Closson House is essentially the hotel of the borough and the hospitality is a theme of favorite comment of all who have stopped there. Mrs. J. W. Closson the proprietress also owns the property, and is a lady of the largest experience in the hotel business. She strives in every way to make a sojourn at the Closson House so agreeable a time that it is ever afterwards looked back to with feelings of pleasurable remembrance. The hotel is conducted under the management of Mr. Harry Smith. Mr. Smith is a thoroughly practical and experienced hotel man, who enjoys an extended acquaintance among traveling men and who tries in every way to make the stay of visitors one that will likely be repeated.

In concluding we can but say that the house is the most liberally conducted and handsomely furnished in this locality and is known far better to the traveling public than to the residents of the Borough of Bristol.

S. W. BLACK.

Groceries and Provisions.

FORTY odd years ago this popular establishment was founded by Nathan Tyler, deceased, and came under the control of its present genial proprietor in 1890, who, by careful attention to business and honorable dealing, has secured a large patronage. The premises comprise a spacious store, completely stocked with a well selected line of groceries, teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, dried fruits, flour, smoked and dried meats, butter, eggs and country produce. All goods are fresh and of the best quality, while the prevailing prices are uniformly reasonable. Two assistants are employed, and a wagon is kept for the accommodation of customers who may have their goods delivered free of charge. Mr. Black, as a merchant and a citizen, commands the respect of the community. He was at one time a Councilman of the Borough, which office he filled with credit and honor.

MRS. J. M. BROWN.

Dry Goods and Notions.

THERE ARE no more commercial enterprises that add so much to the importance of a city than do the modern dry goods establishments of the present day. Bristol is not behind other places in this respect as may be readily discerned in a visit to the handsome establishment of Mrs. J. M. Brown, which was founded in 1862. After numerous changes of locality, and finding the business yearly increasing, the enterprising proprietress was compelled to look about for larger and better adapted quarters, and in 1889 built the handsome three-story brick building at 248 Mill street, which she now occupies. The store is laid out in metropolitan order and is the largest and most completely stocked in Bristol. The line of goods handled is selected with great care and embraces a diversity simply impossible to describe, in dress goods, hosiery, notions, ladies' underwear and furnishing goods, children's caps and miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to this important branch of trade. Mrs. Brown is an example of what can be done by push, energy and enterprise, coupled with foresight and business ability. This house is a leader in its line, and a review of the retail trade of Bristol would be noticeably incomplete should we fail to mention it.

W. E. LAMB.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry.

IT IS always a pleasure to note the establishing of new enterprises in our midst, and we call attention to the jewelry store of Mr. W. E. Lamb, at 235 Mill street, which was started 28th of June last. While the store is not as large as some others, yet we are frank to say that no like establishment in Bristol can show such an array of watches, clocks, jewelry, solid silver and plated ware and miscellaneous novelties, as can be found in only a first-class place of the kind. A large invoice of goods has just been received for the holiday trade and the public is invited to call and see them whether wishing to purchase or not. Engraving is made a specialty. Prior to embarking in business in Bristol, Mr. Lamb was a traveling salesman for one of the largest watch houses in New York City, and enjoys an extended acquaintance among the leading jewelry houses throughout the country. There is no branch of the business with which he is not thoroughly familiar. Personally he is a pleasant spoken gentleman who has a host of friends and acquaintances who wish him every success.

HARRY S. SMITH.

Cigars and Tobacco.

ABOUT FOUR weeks ago Mr. Harry S. Smith purchased from J. F. Smith the old established stand on Radcliffe street. In stock is carried a line of the very best of cigars and tobacco, also cigarettes, smokers articles, and stationary. Here can be found the celebrated "Fearless," "Sandwich," "Lady Slipper," and "Crown of Key West Cigars," which have become so popular with smokers here of late. Peanuts are also roasted daily and it is the purpose of Mr. Smith to put in pool tables in a few days. After a few contemplated improvements the proprietor will endeavor to make this the most attractive pool and billiard hall in the Borough of Bristol. Prior to buying out J. F. Smith, Mr. Harry Smith was in the tobacco business on Pond street. By his previous success in whatever he has undertaken, we predict that he will bring his present establishment up to a required standard of excellence never before attempted in Bristol. Personally Mr. Smith is popular with all classes and is possessed of unusual business ability.

L. A. HOGUET.

Drugs, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

MR. L. A. HOGUET is one of Bristol's oldest and most highly respected citizens. A native of Philadelphia, he removed to Bristol when quite a young man and established the drug store which bears his name over, 51 years ago. By push, energy and good business ability, together with honorable business dealings and courteous treatment to every one, he has built up what is now the largest and best equipped Pharmacy in Bucks county. It is centrally located at 123 and 127 Mill street, and is well stocked with only the purest drugs and chemicals, patent medicines and pharmaceutical preparations, &c., also toilet articles, paints, oils, varnish and glass. Mr. Hoguet is a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association of Pennsylvania and employs an assistant who is a graduate of Cleveland College of Pharmacy. To the prescription department is devoted the greatest care and attention and which is under the immediate supervision of the proprietor, thus insuring accuracy and dispatch. Mr. L. A. Hoguet has served the borough in many public offices, among them being Councilman. At present he is the president of the Gas Company, Treasurer of the Water Company, and he has been a Director of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks county, between 40 and 50 years. Personally he is quiet, unassuming gentleman, is highly regarded in commercial circles, is considered one of the reliable dealers of Bristol and fully able to meet all demands made upon him.

W. P. WRIGHT.

Hardware and House Furnishings.

AMONG the most prosperous business houses of Bristol whose extensive operations and well established reputation entitle it to our most favorable consideration, we note with pleasure that of Mr. W. P. Wright. The nucleus of this business dates back over 30 years, the present proprietor taking charge about 16 years ago. The premises occupied are located at 119-121 Mill street, and are large and well adapted to the business, in fact it is the largest and most completely equipped hardware house in Bucks county. A heavy stock is carried which embraces hardware of every description, oil cloths, tin ware, hollow ware and house furnishing goods generally. Buying [illegible] the proprietor is enabled to compete successfully with Philadelphia prices, and there is no contemporaneous house in this section that can meet him in prices. By strict attention to business and honorable business methods Mr. Wright has built up a very flattering trade. He is a native of Bristol, was at one time its burgess, and is regarded as one of the successful business men of the place. Upright and honorable in all his dealings he commands the respect of all.

MISS A. SICKELS.

Millinery.

THIS IS known as the leading millinery house here and was established by its present accomplished proprietress five years ago the 1st of October last. The premises Miss Sickels occupies as sales and trimming department is neatly fitted up and two experienced milliners are employed. All the latest and most popular styles and novelties are carried, which includes French and American millinery goods, Parisian and New York pattern hats and bonnets, hat and bonnet shapes in straw, felt, Milan braid and other materials; ribbons, flowers, feathers tips, ornaments, silk, satin, and velvet trimmings and miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to the millinery line, received direct from metropolitan modistes. This store is situated at 224 Mill street and the feminine public can feel assured that orders left with Miss Sickels will be promptly executed in the very latest prevailing styles. Personally Miss Sickels is a bright and intelligent business woman and fully merits the patronage of the fair sex of the community, by right of superior line of goods handled, and a thorough knowledge of the wants of the trade.

Bristol Cash and Credit House.

S. E. HAYES, Proprietor.

THIS FLOURISHING business, the only one of the kind in Bristol, was established by Mr. Hayes in 1891. It is devoted to the sale of useful household goods, also decorated articles of every description, and has quite an extensive trade in Bristol and contingent territory. The premises comprise two large salesrooms at 590-594 Bath street, and is stocked with furniture, carpets, dry goods, wall paper, window shades, jewelry, gold and silver watches, clocks, crockery, stoves, etc., also albums, rugs, wringers, silverware, bedsprings, etc., all of which are sold for cash or on easy weekly or monthly payments, terms to suit the purchaser. This admirable plan enables those with small means to secure some of the luxuries as well as necessities of life by the payment of a small amount down and the balance in small weekly or monthly amounts. Canvassers are employed all through this section as well as in Bordentown, Burlington, Mt. Holly and other places; the business is well conducted and each patron is sure of polite attention and square dealing. Mr. Hayes also employs an experienced paper hanger and is prepared to take large or small contracts of plain or decorative paper hanging. A large and important business is carried on and the prices will be found as low as any competitor in these parts. Mr. Hayes has made it his endeavor to place his superior line of goods before the purchasing public at prices never before duplicated. Mr. Hayes, the proprietor, is a native of Atlantic City and moved to Bristol six years ago. Personally he is a live energetic business man and possesses superior business ability.

W. H. HAY & CO.

Photograph Studio.

BRISTOL'S leading photographic studio is that of Mr. W. H. Hay, a gentleman who has had eighteen years active experience in his profession, 10 of which having been in this borough. His gallery and studio at 242 Mill street are handsomely furnished and appointed with all conveniences. The apparatus and appliances are the very best and of the most approved modern character, and it is seldom that we find a photographic establishment more completely furnished with all required conveniences. Mr. Hay does work in crayon, pastel, water colors, oil, &c., and has acquired an enviable reputation for superior workmanship. When asked what were his specialties, Mr. Hay tersely replied: "I make photographs," thus implying that he turned out from his establishment everything pertaining to the art photographic. A specialty is made of children's pictures, groups, out-door work and to enlarging. Satisfaction is guaranteed in every particular and the proprietor will consider it a favor to return work found not satisfactory, showing conclusively his work and manner of doing business is his best advertising. Frames are manufactured and pictures are framed to order. One of his elegant art pictures or engravings would make an acceptable holiday gift. Personally Mr. Hay is a gentleman that stands high in the estimation of all who know him and is an artist in the strictest sense of word.

EDGAR A. JEFFRIES.

Cafe and Restaurant.

JOHN JEFFRIES, brother of the present proprietor, established the business under review in 1884, and was succeeded by Mr. Edgar Jeffries 4 years ago. It has lately been repainted, papered and refitted and now presents a most elegant and attractive appearance. It is located at 213 Mill street. Here at all hours and at shortest notice may be obtained full cooked meals, comprising everything from the most tempting delicacies to the best substantials, also light lunches and oysters prepared and served in every conceivable style. Mr. Jeffries carries a good assortment of tobacco and cigars and has one of the finest soda fountains in Bristol, which is run in season, only pure fruit syrups being used. A specialty is made of serving meals to parties, excursions, societies, etc., and a private dining room has been fitted up with a special view to elegance, comfort and privacy. Personally Mr. Edgar A. Jeffries is one of our progressive young business men. He has a large circle of friends and acquaintances and the trade is increasing yearly.

SOMMERFELD'S LIVERY.

Max Sommerfeld, Proprietor.

THE LIVERY Stables known as "Sommerfeld's Livery Stables" were built by Oliver LaRue in 1883, and was in turn succeeded by E. W. Minster in 1885 who built the pool room and put in a line of cigars. Mr. Max Sommerfeld assumed control of the pool and cigar business the 10th of Dec, 1894, and purchased the livery 1st of March, 1895. Neat turnouts are promptly furnished to commercial men and others and carriages may always be obtained for funerals and other purposes. From five to eight head of good horses are kept and the stylish rigs that leave this place will compare favorably with any private conveyance around Bristol. Horses are fed and taken care of at short notice and two cabs are kept especially for receptions, parties, weddings, etc.

Mr. Sommerfeld is a native of Germany but came here about 11 years ago. Everything about the premises receives his personal attention and all animals placed under his charge have the best of care. The pool room contains two pool and one billiard table and a desirable line of cigars of the choicest brands. Personally Mr. Sommerfeld is a pleasant and accomplished gentleman and ranks among the popular livery men of the county.

FINE'S HOTEL.

W. H. H. Fine, Proprietor.

FINE'S well known and attractive hotel may be classed as among the most desirable and favorite public houses in Bucks County. Its history can be traced as far back as 1784. It is a 2½ story building of stone and brick construction, with a 60 foot front on Mill street and 76 feet rear on Market street. Being only a minute's walk from the depot, it is patronized liberally by commercial travelers, and enjoys a well earned reputation among "knights of the grip." It has 17 sleeping apartments, office, reading room, 2 sitting rooms, 2 parlors, all of which are well furnished and heated. A first class bar is well stocked with the choicest of wines, liquors and cigars and the whole is lighted with both gas and electricity. The dining room is 18x22 feet and can very readily seat 25 persons. There is ample stable and shedding accomodations for transient trade. Prompt service, unquestioned cleanliness, and well cooked food are distinguishing characteristics of this establishment, which is steadily growing in the favor of the Bristol residents and visitors from the city. Mr. Wm. H. H. Fine owns the hotel and may be said to have been raised in the hotel business, and everything pertaining to the details of running a hotel are thoroughly familiar to him. He took charge in 1877 and has conducted it successfully ever since. Concluding we will but state that the proprietor will extend a cordial welcome to all who may pass the hospitable portals of his house.

SMITH BROTHERS.

General Merchandise.

SMITH BROS.' establishment is a recent acquisition to the growing trade conveniences of this place. It was first opened to the public the 26th of October last, and it may be said to have immediately leaped into prominence and achieved the favor of Bristol's residents. The business is in the hands of gentlemen of standing and character, and the active management is conducted under the close personal supervision of the co-partners. The members of the firm individually are Mr. Harry Smith and C. B. Smith, both gentlemen who understand every detail relating to the business. The store at 300 Mill street is as large if not larger than any contemporaneous establishment in Bristol and a choice and well selected line of dry goods, dress fabrics, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, boots and shoes for men, women and children, novelties, bric-a-brac, etc., can here be seen. In the rear is a well equipped grocery department, where a superior line of fancy and staple groceries, provisions, canned goods and table delicacies, spices sugars, flour, and everything pertaining to a first-class grocery store is kept.

A large line of Xmas goods and novelties have just been received and are displayed in a most inviting way. The public is invited to call and see this new addition to the trade conveniences whether intending to purchase or not. Although in its infancy this house bids fair in a short time to out rank many that have been here for years. The trade of the establishment is daily increasing, and five clerks are kept steadily engaged to look after the wants of the many customers. In the inauguration of this new enterprise Bristol has gained a valuable addition to her resources worthy of the appreciation and support of the public generally.

MUNYON

HAS A CURE FOR EVERY DISEASE.

The Famous Professor's Marvelous Success Depends on the Preparation of a Separate Specific for Each Ailment.

Professor Munyon does not claim that he has one remedy that will cure all complaints, but that he has prepared specific cures for nearly all diseases. He does not claim that his Rheumatism Cure will cure consumption or dyspepsia, but he does claim that it will cure rheumatism. His Dyspepsia Cure is prepared expressly to cure dyspepsia and all stomach troubles; his Cough Cure to cure coughs and all lung complaints, his Catarrh remedies to cure catarrh. The same may be said of all his different remedies.

The Munyon Remedies are absolutely harmless and contain positive cures for the most obstinate disease. A separate specific for each disease. Sold by all druggists, mostly at 25 cents a bottle.

A Statesman's Indorsement.

The Hon. W. D. Farnham, Jr., of 82 Devonshire street, Boston, Mass., says: "Of the many medicines I have tried to relieve the terrible distress of indigestion, I know of nothing equal to Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure. I have suffered with this trouble for many years, and during an unusually severe attack last month a friend gave me a small bottle of Munyon's cure to try, from which I received almost instant relief. I find that these pellets produce no unpleasant effects, while performing a complete cure."

Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

UNDER BALLS OF FIRE.

Making Repairs by the Light of a Phenomenal Electric Storm.

One of the most remarkable electrical storms at sea, which probably seemed intensified by reason of the fact that a cargo of Spanish iron ore passed through it, was experienced by the British steamship Mercedes, which arrived at Philadelphia recently from Bilbao. On the Grand Banks of Newfoundland during the nights of Dec. 3 and 4 the ocean appeared like a mighty mass of flames or an endless stretch of prairie fires. Balls of electric fire hissed and exploded in all directions and darted among the vessel's masts and rigging.

The Mercedes' escape from going down on Dec. 1 seemed little short of a miracle. She was struck by a south southwest gale, which was accompanied by seas rolling fearfully high. During the height of the storm a huge deck derrick, weighing many tons, was torn loose from its fastenings and swept overboard, leaving a hole in the vessel's deck through which the water ran into the cargo. In its course it carried away the main topmast, which was also of iron; part of the flying bridge, the after winch and part of the deck fittings. The decks were flooded with tons of water, the ship rolled at an angle of 70 degrees, and the sea broke in all directions, filling the cabin and the officers' quarters.

Soon afterward the storm partially subsided, when the electrical fire appeared in all directions. It hung in big balls for two nights from the masts and fore and aft stays and practically turned night into day. As the big fire balls came together they would burst with a loud report upon the vessel and disappear. Under this light at night such temporary repairs were made as were deemed necessary to reach port.

Captain Tait of the Mercedes stated that the passage was one of the most trying experiences of his life. The rolling and lurching of the vessel in the storm and the fury of the gales were terrific in the vicinity of 25 degrees longitude. Only the heroic work of the officers and crew saved the vessel, as all the shipping men about the Maritime Exchange agreed.—Philadelphia Record.

OH, FOR A LIBERTY BELL!

Must Be Found or Make One.

Mexican newspapers suggested some time ago that the American liberty bell should be put on exhibition at the World's fair to be held in 1896 in the City of Mexico. One or two other newspapers had something to say about the project, and then a native patriot rushed into print with the proposition that Mexico should get a liberty bell of her own. The hint bore the traces of inspiration, and the community was immediately aflame with the bell fever.

There was no authentic record that any particular bell was rung upon the occasion of Mexico gaining her independence, but it was established beyond peradventure that there were bells in Mexico at that memorable date. An eminent scholar in one of the interior cities made a long and laborious search of the national archives, resulting in the discovery that before, at the time or soon after the federal independence, any one of a dozen bells might have been rung. The populace went wild over this important revelation, and it was the unanimous voice of the nation that if the bells were not rung when slavery's shackles were unfettered, at any rate they ought to have been. And therefore Mexico must have its liberty bell.

At this particular juncture a fervid poet paraphrased the classics and let drop a motto that was greedily seized upon by the people. "Aut campanam inveniam, aut faciam," he sang, and, taking up the cry, the populace swore they would either find a bell or make one.

In order that no time should be wasted, with the national exhibition only a few months off, it became necessary to prepare for both alternatives. Several enthusiastic gentlemen charged themselves with the duty of supplying the national want by having a nice, clean liberty bell made to order. This much assured, a group of none the less arduous patriots have set to work to frustrate the labors of the other party by finding just such an old bell as would fill the bill to perfection.—New York World.

Expelled

—every poison and impurity of your blood, by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Then there's a clear skin and a clean system. Tetter, Salt-rheum, Eczema, Erysipelas, Boils, Carbuncles, Enlarged Glands, Tumors and Swellings, and all Blood, Skin and Scalp Diseases, from a common blotch or eruption to the worst scrofula—these are perfectly and permanently cured by it.

In building up needed flesh and strength of pale, puny, scrofulous children, nothing can equal it.

Delicate diseases of either sex, however induced, speedily and radically cured. Address, in confidence, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

We know of but one community in the world where dyspepsia is practically unknown, and that is the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, N. Y. These good people have been studying the subject of digestion for more than a hundred years, and that they understand it pretty thoroughly, is evidenced in the foregoing fact. Their Digestive Cordial is the safest and best remedy in cases of indigestion that we know of. A trial bottle can be had through your druggists for the trifling sum of 10 cents.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial supplies the the system with food already digested, and at the same time aids the digestion of other foods. It will almost instantly relieve the ordinary symptoms of indigestion, and no sufferer need to be told what these are.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Don't Trust to Luck.

Smoke Rainmakers.

Lung complaints, bronchitis, asthma, &c., are speedily relieved and if taken in time permanently cured by Stretch's Balsam. It is also a sure remedy for coughs and colds, croup and whooping cough.

Don't Trust to Luck.

Smoke El Libertina.

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16, 1895.

Glad Christmas Times!

The spirit is contagious! The throngs grow greater, but there is plenty of room—never so much before. The greatly widened aisles give that. Bright, happy times! A hundred and one things to do and think of—a thousand and one things to see. Daily visits are necessary if you would miss nothing.

THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

(representing the herald angels as seen by the shepherds) has been generally declared the crowning achievement in Holiday decoration. Thousands enjoyed it last week—all are asked to enjoy it during the short time it can be retained. An extra engine and dynamo had to be installed to produce the necessary illumination, weeks of work before that for a staff of artists and decorators to evolve from the elaborate details this harmonious, beautiful result. Enough if it fulfils its mission of pleasure-giving to Our Public.

DRESS LENGTHS

It is a secret we must not tell—just how many thousand women are to have a Dress



Length for a Christmas gift. There is so much of common sense in such giving. Something for everybody in the lots we have prepared.

SILK DRESS PATTERNS

(in tubular leatherette box.)

Of Black Moire Antique Silk, $11. Until this year such a gift would have cost $30. Fortunate that this great purchase came just in good time for Christmas. 15 yards, $11.

WOOL DRESS PATTERNS

Dress Patterns at $2:
10 yds. All-wool Mixed Cheviot.
10 yds. Fancy Cheviot.
8 yds. Novelty Weave.
20 styles.

Dress Pattern at $2.15:
7 yds. All-wool Fancy Suiting.
10 styles.

Dress Pattern at $2.45:
8 yds. 46 in. Bouretted Cheviot.
12 styles.

Dress Patterns at $3:
8 yds. 37 in. Chameleon Suiting.
8 yds. Figured Jacquard.
8 yds. Imported Silk Mixed Novelty.
8 yds. Imported Chameleon Suiting.
6 yds. 50 in. French Serge.
6 yds. 52 in. Ladies' Cloth.
6 yds. 52 in. Covert Cloth.
8 yds. Self-colored Novelty.
30 styles.

Dress Patterns at $3.50:
7 yds. 45 in. Imported Illuminated Suiting.
7 yds. 45 in. Fine French Serge.
7 yds. 44 in. Novelty Cheviot.
7 yds. 46 in. Paris Cord Suiting.
7 yds. 45 in. Storm Serge.
30 styles.

Dress Patterns at $3.90:
6 yds. 50 in. French Serge.
6 yds. 50 in. French Diagonal.
6 yds. 52 in. Plaid Scotch effects.
34 styles.

Dress Patterns at $4:
8 yds. 38 in. Hair-lined Stripe.
8 yds. 38 in. Silk Dashed Novelty.
8 yds. 38 in. Illuminated Stripe Cheviot.
6 yds. 38 in. Novelty Cheviot.
8 yds. 38 in. Silk-and-wool Stripe.
8 yds. 36 in. Mohair Boucle Novelty.
56 styles.

Dress Patterns at $4.55:
7 yds. 45 in. Imported Novelty.
7 yds. 45 in. Imported Twill Suiting.
18 styles.

Dress Patterns at $4.80:
8 yds. 38 in. Pin-dot Fancy.
8 yds. 38 in. Star Design Novelty.
8 yds. 38 in. Imported Striped Novelty.
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Such a gift will be a joy for years. We know they are exactly right, for we bring the down from Siberia and make the quilts ourselves. Just look at the big flakes of down! Luxury, be the cover sateen or silk.

6x6 ft., sateen, $3.75.
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More elegant up and up to $40. And less than good Down Quilts were ever before sold.

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Flannelette Wrappers, prettily made and finished at collar, yoke and sleeves with several rows of narrow satin ribbon, $1.75.

They are made with Watteau back and full skirt, the body and sleeves lined. At the price the only trouble for us will be to get them fast enough.

TOWELS FOR GIFTS

Half dozen Towels in a pretty box make a givable gift. Two hints for hurried folks—

6 Turkish Bath Towels; large; white; regularly 25c each; boxed for $1.08.
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There is a reason for Wanamaker's being the business center at holiday times—for instead of charging bigger prices we try to charge less. Boxing goods help to this by saving salespeople's time. To be sure, the boxes cost us a trifle. But time is the dearest goods we sell.

WOMEN'S SHOES $1.60

Welted and Stitched Shoes which means making next best to hand work—for $1.60. We have kept the shoe dealers wondering all season, but this movement surpasses all the rest!

The shoes are made from stout bright chrome-tanned kidskin with oak-tanned leather soles; welted and stitched; patent leather tipped or plain, with—

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narrow round toe
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Button and lace, all colors, fifteen sorts; soft soles.

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We have enormous stocks, and in order to make quick sale, will sell at Half Price.

$32.00	Overcoats,	$20.00	$25.00	Suits,	$15.00
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Twelfth and Market Streets

Administrator's Sale

—OF—

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE,

Near Croydon Station, on the Neshaminy Creek and the public road leading from Bristol to Newportville, in Bristol township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

Will be sold at public sale on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1895,

AT 2.00 O'CLOCK P. M. OF SAID DAY

All that valuable Mansion House and tract of 156 2-3 acres of land, situated in Bristol township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. On the Neshaminy creek and public road leading from Newportville to Bristol and adjoining lands of estate of Lawrence Johnson, deceased, estate of Caleb N. Taylor, deceased, A. C. Johnson and estate of Charles Myers, deceased, known as Walnut Grove and late the property of Edmund Grundy, deceased. The improvements consist of a large and handsomely built stone mansion house, 2½ stories high, containing 10 rooms, the house being 42 feet 11 inches in front by 38 feet 10 inches in depth, with back buildings in the rear 19 feet 2 inches in width by 38 feet 5 inches in depth, with an enclosed shed in the rear of the back buildings, containing upon the first floor a large hall, open staircase with parlor, library, sitting room and dining room, with the upper portions of the house divided into bedrooms of convenient size. The whole house is supplied with hot and cold water and with hot air furnace in the cellar, and a range of the most improved pattern in the kitchen. It is an exceedingly well built and substantial house with all the modern improvements. Abundance of fruit and shade trees and all the necessary out buildings upon the premises.

The land is in a high state of cultivation and it is one of the most productive farms in Bucks county, being situated only a short distance from the borough of Bristol, it is convenient to schools, churches, etc., and is in every way well worthy the attention of purchasers.

Sale positive to close the estate of Edmund Grundy, deceased.

Conditions made known on day of sale.

JOSEPH K. GRUNDY,
Administrator cum testamento annexo of Edmund Grundy, deceased.

JAMES E. MAGILL, Auctioneer.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

REAL ESTATE.

Premises Nos 410 and 412 Logan street, Second ward, Bristol, Pa.

Will be sold at public sale upon the premises, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on

Saturday, December, 21st, 1895.

This lot contains a front of 40 feet on the west side of Logan street, with a depth of 85 feet to an alley, and adjoins lands of Thomas and James Flynn and Walter F. Leedom.

The improvements consist of a double frame dwelling 2 1-2 stories, shingle roof, 28x28 feet, with one story frame kitchen in rear, each house containing six rooms and well of good water.

This property will be divided or sold all together to suit customers.

Conditions will be made known at sale.

JOHN C. STUCKERT, Attorney.

EDWARD N. BOOZ, Auctioneer.

Auditor's Notice.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT OF BUCKS COUNTY.

Estate of Hugh F. George.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Bucks County to pass upon the legal questions involved and to award distribution of the sum of $2132.27 remaining in the hands of Frederick V. Lear, Executor of the last will and testament of Hugh F. George, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will meet the parties in interest at the office of J. Ferdinand Long, Esq., in the Borough of Doylestown, at ten o'clock, A. M., on Monday, September 30th, 1895, when and where they may attend if they see proper. A. WEIR GILKESON,
9-6 Auditor.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of WILLIAM KINSEY, deceased, late of Bristol Borough, Bucks Co., Pa.

LETTERS testamentary on above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay, to

Or, CAROLINE S. KINSEY,
A. WEIR GILKESON, Executrix.
her Attorney.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of CATHARINE McGILL, deceased, late of Bristol Borough, Bucks County, Pa.

LETTERS testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay, to

Or, REV. CHAS. J. VANDEGRIFT,
GILKESON & WRIGHT, Executor.
Attorneys.

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Where examinations for all forms of defective sight will be thoroughly and scientifically made.

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26. Box at Edward T. Steel & Co.'s Mill. Keys at E. T. Steel & Co.'s office, Rolling Mill office, Electric Light Station, Fourth ward Hose House.
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BRISTOL LODGE, No. 25, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.
Instituted 1780.
Meets Saturday on or before full moon at Masonic Building, Cedar street.
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Meets every Friday night in Washington Hall
Walter Hall, Chancellor Commander,
John R. Campbell, K. of R. and S.

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H. F. W. Bickel, Sir Knight Recorder.

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Instituted 1843.
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Harvey S. Rue, Secretary.

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Instituted 1883.
Meets every Thursday night in Washington Hall.
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Instituted 1890.
Meets every Wednesday night in Washington Hall.
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Meets 1st and 3rd Monday night of the month in Washington Hall.
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Instituted 1883.
Meets every Thursday night in Washington Hall.
Mrs. Tillie Johnson, President,
Mrs. Sarah Kemble, Secretary.

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Instituted 1882.
Meets every Thursday night at Mohican Hall.
George Schoch, Councillor,
Horace G. Young, Rec. Secretary.

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Instituted 1887.
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday night of the month in Washington Hall.
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BRISTOL CASTLE, No. 409, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.
Instituted 1895.
Meets every Tuesday night in Mohican Hall
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John K. Young, Master of Records.

MOHICAN TRIBE, NO. 127, IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.
Instituted 1870.
Meets every Monday night in Mohican Hall.
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William R. Bailey, Secretary.

NESHAMINY COUNCIL, No. 21, DEGREE OF POCOHONTAS.
Instituted ——.
Meets every Saturday night at Mohican Hall.
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LIGHT OF LIBERTY LODGE, No. 135, AMERICAN PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION.
Instituted 1884.
Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday night of the month in Mohican Hall.
James A. Jefferson, Worthy Master,
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KEY OF LIBERTY LODGE, Jr. ORDER AMERICAN PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION, No. 1.
Instituted 1892.
Meets 1st Saturday night of the month in Mohican Hall.
Josephine Rolls, W. M.,
Joseph Fisher, R. S.

GOLDEN KEY COURT, No. 3, AMERICAN PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION.
Instituted ——.
Meets 3rd Wednesday night of the month in Mohican Hall.
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Mrs. Mary E. Young, Rec. Secretary.

COURT ONWARD, No. 89, FORESTERS OF AMERICA.
Instituted 1893.
Meets every Tuesday night in Washington Hall.
Joseph Roe, Chief Ranger,
R. B. Kelly, Financial Secretary.

BRISTOL DIVISION, No. 1, ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.
Instituted 1883.
Meets 1st Thursday night of the month in A. O. H. Hall, Corson street.
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James Roche, Secretary.

BRISTOL DIVISION, No. 107, SONS OF TEMPERANCE.
Instituted 1882.
Meets every Friday night in Washington Hall
Jennie McKey, Worthy Patriarch,
George J. Sheppard, Recording Scribe.

BRISTOL CASTLE, No. 103, ANCIENT ORDER KNIGHTS OF THE MYSTIC CHAIN.
Instituted 1883.
Meets every Monday night in Washington Hall.
A. M. Petty, Commander,
J. C. Adams, Rec. Secretary.

GEO. J. SHEPPARD, COMPANY G., 2nd REGIMENT, ANCIENT ORDER KNIGHTS OF THE MYSTIC CHAIN.
Instituted 1890.
J. C. Adams, Captain,
Wm. B. Holt, Orderly Sergeant.

THE GARDEN GATE.

Polly and Dick at the garden gate,
Watching the sunset's glow—
Though Polly knows it is growing late,
And Dick, 'tis time to go,
But still they linger and watch and wait—
Polly and Dick at the garden gate.

They watch and wait, till the light grows dim,
Far in the western sky;
The pale new moon shows a silver rim—
The night bird flutters by;
And still they linger and watch and wait—
Polly and Dick by the garden gate.

Her fair, fair head, and his, so brown,
Are very close together,
But then—the sun has just gone down—
They're talking of the weather!
How can they see it is growing late?
Polly and Dick at the garden gate.
—Sister Ruth in Good Housekeeping.

HER PROMOTION.

Handsome Mr. Ormsbee, the proprietor of the mammoth department store, was talking over the drug counter to Miss Choate, the perfumery girl. Gradually it began to be whispered about that Mr. Ormsbee was taking a most abnormal interest in drugs, and indeed there seemed some show of reason for this statement, for he was certainly pausing at that particular counter oftener than necessity seemed to demand. It must have been drugs because it was out of all reason that Mr. Ormsbee should be suspected of an absorbing interest in the perfumery girl, for he had never been known to take an absorbing interest in anything but business. Miss Choate was as tall within two inches as Mr. Ormsbee himself and had a remarkably fine figure, but her face was not handsome—not strictly speaking. To be sure, there was something about her which invariably made people turn and look again, but it could not well be called beauty. It was rather a dignified repose of carriage—an aristocratic bearing that stamped her as not being altogether of common clay. And this was the light in which Miss Choate was generally regarded. It was known that she was the daughter and orphan of a clergyman; that she supported her mother and young brother with her wages at Ormsbee's, and it was supposed that her advantages had been rather better than the average, for there was a hint of elegance in her manners not usually discoverable in clerks.

For instance, she used the word "madam" instead of "lady" that worldwide sign of the plebeian, and she never took any part in the cheap conversation carried on behind the counter. The shallow ones thought her disagreeably proud. Those who took pains to study her knew that she was only dignified and reserved. She had been at Ormsbee's for years—had begun as a cash girl, been raised to an assistant at the drug counter and finally given full charge of that stock.

She had won golden opinions right and left and had gone on in the even tenor of her way until young Fred Ormsbee, nephew and heir apparent of the proprietor, had begun paying her marked attention. This did not please Miss Choate in the least, and she hinted in polite terms more than once that he was at liberty to go about his business. Now, Mr. Ormsbee, the older, held this young man in tender esteem, having superintended his rearing from the earliest days of calfhood. He had never withheld anything in reason from his brother's child, and when that child made known to his devoted relative the consuming passion wherewith he was being consumed for the elegance and accomplishments of Miss Choate, the perfumery girl, the older Ormsbee said kindly:

"I'll see what I can do for you, my boy. A poor clerk who repulses the advances of a prospective millionaire must be worth winning." It was after that that the proprietor began to take an unusual interest in his drug department; to stop there frequently and engage Miss Choate in conversation; to consult her opinion with regard to the relative merits of different brands of olive oils, soaps, complexion pastes, etc. Miss Choate was an engaging talker and displayed a technical knowledge of her stock gratifying to a business man accustomed to careless clerks.

Mr. Ormsbee had long considered her invaluable as a saleswoman and respected her for her dignity, but it took just this circumstance of his nephew's infatuation for the perfumery girl to fully open the eyes of the older Ormsbee to the surpassing attractions of Miss Choate, the young woman, for it was not to be suspected for a moment that the limited brain power of Fred Ormsbee had comprehended in its length, breadth and thickness the excellence of Miss Choate's character. It was not character that Fred Ormsbee made a specialty of, but form—style—and he had never, he thought, beheld anything in that line that quite equaled Miss Choate's.

Perhaps at first he had not been perfectly in earnest in his attentions to his uncle's clerk, but it took only a few delicately worded snubs from her to convince him that there was nothing in the wide world so eminently desirable as Miss Choate's favor; hence his appeal to his uncle, who had always procured for him every coveted thing and could beyond a shadow of doubt supply him with Miss Choate.

Mr. Ormsbee, Sr., stood there in front of the drug counter attentively listening to what Miss Choate was saying about olive oils, and presently some question arose as to perfumeries, necessitating Mr. Ormsbee's presence behind the counter instead of in front. This, by the way, was three months or more after the services of the uncle had been enlisted in behalf of the nephew, and Mr. Ormsbee had been making almost daily visits to the drug counter.

"There is no reason why this perfumery should sell better than the other," Miss Choate was saying, "only that it has a fashionable name. The other is a finer scent, but the faddists have started a rush for this, and customers haven't discrimination enough to see. Oh, Mr. Ormsbee, what have I done!"

She had made a quick movement in the earnestness of her speech and smashed the cut glass bottle of perfumery she held, deluging him with the contents and badly cutting her hand.

"Three dollars out of my wages," was her first thought, and then she saw the accident was even more disastrous than that, for the blood was flowing over her dress in a bright stream.

"Heavens!" exclaimed Mr. Ormsbee, and he whipped out his handkerchief. He bound up the cut as deftly and tenderly as a woman could, and perceiving Miss Choate's paleness went himself and got her a glass of wine.

"You must go home," said he in tones of authority. "I'll get you a carriage." Miss Choate tried to protest, for the accident was all her own fault, and she could not afford to go driving about in carriages, but her employer would not listen. He had a carriage at the side door in a moment, himself put Miss Choate into it and then—wonderful—got in beside her. What did it mean? It meant one thing to Miss Choate—i. e., that in spite of her bleeding hand, her ruined gown and $8 out of her weekly wages she felt strangely but calmly happy.

The clergyman's widow came to the door in alarm at seeing her daughter brought home by her employer and supported by him in a manner which indicated that she must be seriously indisposed—really a manner uncalled for, considering that it was only a hand that was hurt, and her two handsome feet were intact and as springy as ever. But the ridiculousness of it did not seem to strike Mr. Ormsbee. He half lifted her along, as if she were mortally injured and about to die, and the sorrowful tenderness in his eyes and tone would have led one to think him responsible for her critical state, when, in truth, it was wholly and entirely her own fault.

When they had explained the circumstances between them and Mrs. Choate had dressed the wound, with the knowledge always possessed by clergymen's wives, she (Mrs. Choate) invited the gentleman to be seated and talked with him in the easy, dignified way Mr. Ormsbee had come to know so well in his perfumery girl.

He did not hurry. He seemed to be perfectly comfortable and to enjoy the conversation of the placid faced, spectacled lady who had imparted so much grace to her daughter, for the latter, he soon saw, was but a later copy.

By and by the talk seemed to turn naturally to Fred, and Mr. Ormsbee, feeling that it was a good time to express his hopes for his nephew, quietly but clearly expressed them and signified his intention of making the young man sole heir to his possessions.

Miss Choate looked cold and dignified beyond her wont.

"I hope, madam," continued Mr. Ormsbee, addressing the clergyman's widow, "that you will use your influence with my dear young lady here, who seems a little bent on being unkind."

Mrs. Choate looked into her lap reflectively, but the eyes of Miss Choate never left the face of her employer. There was a strange expression in them, and her cheek was flushed with excitement. She broke the pause that followed his speech by saying abruptly:

"A short man and a tall woman are a hideous combination. A man should be just a little taller than his wife."

"Oh, my dear Miss Choate," coaxed Mr. Ormsbee, "is that vitally important?"

"It is to me," answered Miss Choate.

"It should not be," argued Mr. Ormsbee. "Fred is of your own age, and that is much."

"I am half sick of young men," declared Miss Choate, nursing her hand.

"My daughter, what do you mean?" interposed her mother, a trifle shocked.

"Just what I say, mother. I like old men best."

"Leila!" The note of surprise in her mother's tone was intensified now.

"I can't help it, mother, and I don't care. I do like old men best, and my hand pains me dreadfully, and I am going to retire"—which she immediately did, with a cool little nod to Mr. Ormsbee.

There was another face behind the perfumery counter for a week, and then Miss Choate reappeared. She was glad to get back and smiled a welcome to Mr. Ormsbee when he made his customary round. It was a very guarded smile, though, and when he attempted to shake hands she said:

"You see I can't," displaying her right hand, still wrapped in a thin bandage.

"But the other will do," he said. "In fact, it will do better because it is nearest the heart." He was standing behind the counter and speaking in a voice calculated to reach no ears but hers.

He looked very handsome and cheerful as he stood there—his splendid form in faultless attire and his black hair, which showed not a thread of gray, spite of his 45 years, tossed back from his broad forehead. Miss Choate looked at him out of the sides of her eyes that he might not see how she admired him, and she appeared very demure, with her long lashes sweeping her cheek.

"You have heard that, have you not—about the left hand?"

"Oh, yes," she returned carelessly, "but there's positively nothing in it."

"What? It certainly is nearest the heart."

"Yes, really, but that doesn't prove anything, because it may be a cold heart it is near, you know."

"But it isn't a cold heart in this case. Don't tell me that, Miss Choate, because I won't believe it." Miss Choate looked at him strangely and made the reply:

"This brand of olive oil is, in my opinion, no better than those we have been selling. It is bottled differently, to be sure, but I have strong reason for thinking it the very same quality, with a higher price set on it." Mr. Ormsbee, amazed at the irrelevancy of her remark, looked in the direction her eyes had taken and saw the retreating figure of the bargain soap girl, who had been very near during his conversation about hearts.

"That is all very well, of course, Miss Choate," he said, returning to the siege, "but I am delightfully sure of one thing, having had it from your own lips—that is, that you like old men best."

"That statement was made under pressure. Please consider it void."

"No; I shall not." Mr. Ormsbee had turned his back to the bargain soap girl, and now said in a manner that made Miss Choate understand how thoroughly in earnest he was:

"Nothing ever made me so happy as that statement, and I shall hold you to it strictly. I came to you that afternoon on an Aldeneso errand, but now I am speaking for myself."

A few months later they made a splendid pair, and as the new Mrs. Ormsbee, in a beautiful traveling gown, passed Mr. Fred Ormsbee on her way to the carriage she patted his sweetly scented locks and murmured:

"Be a good boy, Fred!" She had not quite forgiven his little stature for aspiring to her height.

They rolled away amid a shower of rice and old shoes, but Fred stood sulkily at one side and muttered, with infinite scorn:

"'Be a good boy!'"—Exchange.

ONE OF FIELD'S PRANKS.

How the Famous Humorist Got the Best of a Senator.

A newspaper man is credited with having made public a heretofore unpublished poem written by Eugene Field, and which, like all the productions of that lamented man, is clever.

As narrated, the circumstances of the composition are as follows: The unfortunate Senator Jones of Florida, whose remarkable escapades were the talk of the country some 10 or 12 years ago and who pursued a highly estimable young lady to Detroit and annoyed her with his attentions for several months, was at about the same time violently attached to a young woman in Washington who happened to be an intimate friend of Field's. It was not known then that the senator's mind was affected, and his attentions were a great annoyance to the recipients. The young woman desiring to rid herself of the senator's company, Field told her to feign a headache for a theater engagement which she had with Jones and go with him instead. The poet-humorist guaranteed to do all the rest, which he accomplished by sending the Floridian senator the following cruel lines:

Most ven'rable and honored Jones,
Thou fruit of Okechobee soil,
The fair but false Miss Margaret Boyle,
With fireless eyes and hollow tones,
Commands me write this note to say
She cannot leave her room today.
Alas, good sir, that this fair flower,
Whose beauty gladdens every eye,
And from whose lips sweet perfumes fly,
Should drop and wither in an hour!
Alas, that one of such fair make
Should have a head that dared to ache!

And yet, dear Jones, both you and I,
Who have beheld this cruel maid
Enslaving souls wher'er she strayed,
Provoking many a hopeless sigh—
Both you and I, whose tender hearts
Have suffered from her beauty's darts,
Must own we feel a vengeful joy
That this Diana, cold and proud,
Is by a petty headache bowed;
That this sweet nymph, serenely coy,
At last concedes malaria's power
And takes two horrid pills per hour.

Ah, would that this fair maid instead
Might play a penitential part,
Might have an aching in her heart
And not an aching in her head.
Then might she know the poignant pain
She has inflicted on us twain.
And should that moment ever be,
Which surely cannot come too soon,
God grant me this delicious boon—
Her favoring smile may rest on me.
Then would I mock thy dismal groans
And senile sorrow, hapless Jones.

The Spectroscope.

Some scientific men assert that in ordinary chemical analysis the one hundred and twentieth of a grain practically approaches the lowest limit of determination. The spectroscope, however, is so sensitive that it can tell the presence of a substance when the quantity is nearly 2,000,000 times less than this, or one-two hundred and forty thousandth of a grain.

Fiction.

Fiction is not falsehood, as some seem to think. It is rather the fanciful and dramatic grouping of real traits around imaginary scenes or characters. It may give false views of men or things, or it may, in the hands of a master, more truthfully portray life than sober history itself.—Tryon Edwards.

THEIR QUEER SIDE.

A REGION OF THINGS THAT IS QUITE FERTILE IN SURPRISES.

The Irresistible Fascination of Seeming Paradoxes—Why Do We See Everything Upside Down?—Is Seeing Good Reason For Believing?

Fact being stranger than fiction, there will always be, as there always has been, a "queer side of things"—a region quite as fertile in surprises as that explored by Alice in Wonderland. The difficulty is not so much to know how to select as to know where to begin in the way of illustration.

Curiously enough, not a few scientific paradoxes are to be found in the economy of human vision. There is that old puzzle paradox, for example—one which even the intellect of a Kepler did not despise—to wit, how it is that we see objects erect, notwithstanding the well known fact that the pictures on the retina of the eye are inverted. Kepler, in his "Supplement to Vitellio," was fain to conclude that the inverted image, somehow or other, but chiefly with the aid of the other senses, such as that of touch, was "rectified" by the judgment of the observer. Later physiologists have exercised their ingenuity over the selfsame problem. Quite lately, in a scientific journal of no mean repute, the position was gravely maintained that the observer, having really no other criterion of up or down than the evidence of his own (inverted) vision, upside down was really the same thing as down side up, or, in other words, erect.

Another authority in the same medium had a still more ingenious solution of the difficulty. Noticing that the image of a lighted candle reflected on the retina of an excised eye appeared to him inverted, he reasoned that as his own sense of vision perceived the image thus upside down, therefore upon the retina of the percipient proper it must really be in exactly the reverse position—namely, erect. A clever guess certainly, but one which leaves the problem very much as it was before. The real explanation is apparently the view given by Professor Cleland of Glasgow university in his "Animal Physiology," that the inversion of the retinal image is really no reason why the landscape should appear to us inverted and that what we perceive is not the retinal image, but a number of sensations excited by it. If we are to explain, he adds, why the landscape is not seen inverted, we must explain why it is not seen inside our heads. But in spite of this lucid rationale of erect vision—probably the only true one—a popular paradox the question will doubtless remain, at all events for some time to come.

He was an acute observer who once remarked, "The more knowledge, the more paradox." This would seem to be true nowadays, seeing that it is seriously doubted in scientific circles if we see with our eyes at all. Professor Hirth, a recognized authority on such subjects, contends that it is only in a very limited sense that we can be said to see with our eyes, and that, in any case, we do not perceive with them, this latter function being reserved for certain important organs of the brain, termed by him the "internal eyes." The functions of the retina, Professor Hirth maintains, have in the past been very gravely overestimated. Should this apparent paradox be substantiated, it will no longer be the conclusive argument it once was considered to be to aver that anything happened because we saw it with "our eyes!" It may be added that the above paradox is rendered, if possible, still more paradoxical when it is soberly affirmed, in sundry quarters—among others by Drs. Luys and Rosenthal—that it is not impossible to imagine, theoretically, a state of matters in the human organism in which ear gate might upon occasion play the part of eye gate and vice versa, the discrimination of sound from color, etc., depending, not upon the external nerve terminations, which receive, as we are led to believe, a wholly uniform stimulus, but upon the central apparatus situated within the brain. According to this theory, observes a recent commentator, sound might for us be literally translated into color, a sonata by Beethoven might seem a picture by Raphael, and we might enjoy a symphony in blue and silver or a nocturne in black and gold.

After such a startling paradox as the above we may be pardoned for being somewhat skeptical of anything connected with the pair of organs which we are accustomed to call our eyes. And rightly so, for paradox once more confronts us here. Of having two eyes most of us are tolerably assured. It seems, however, that our remote ancestors were credibly possessed of three, the third being situated at the back of the head. Unfortunately all that remains to us of this doubtless highly useful organ is represented by the pineal gland, a soft body about the size of a pea, situated at the base of the brain. This rudimentary structure, however, in some lower forms of life—notably in one kind of lizard—has an opening to the light and is undoubtedly susceptible of visual impressions.

Even space itself—empty space, as we are accustomed to call it—is no longer a void. It literally teems with paradoxes. A 22 ton armstrong gun hurls a solid shot a distance of 12 miles, the highest point in the arc described by the shot being 17,000 feet above the earth's surface. Imagine, now, that the projectile, instead of returning to the earth in a gradually descending curve, were to continue its flight into what is commonly called infinite space, what would be the ultimate result? We might naturally conclude that its prolonged flight would lead it ever farther and farther away from the point of departure. This, however, is by no means so certain as it at first sight appears. The refinements of mathematical investigation have led several inquirers to question whether the shot might not, of course after a lapse of time indefinitely great, return to the place from which it was fired from precisely the opposite direction, just as a vessel circumnavigating the globe might sail eastward round the Cape of Good Hope, returning from the westward via Cape Horn. It all depends upon the essential nature of space, whether its "curvature" be "zero" or otherwise, and that is a moot point. For the benefit of the curious it may be added that the matter mainly hinges upon the still undecided question whether the three angles of a triangle are greater than, equal to or less than two right angles—a point which most persons believe to have been settled long ago.—Chambers' Journal.

Hard Luck In Alaska.

Some Indians have been engaged in cutting cordwood on Admiralty island for the Treadwell company for the past year and a half. Recently they decided to market what they had cut. It was made into a raft, and after waiting several weeks for a steam launch to tow them to the mill they became tired and decided to sail their craft across. Sails were put up, and upon entering the channel between Admiralty island and the head of Douglas island a storm was encountered which tore their raft into thousands of pieces, the Indians narrowly escaping with their lives and the wood being scattered along the beach for 40 or 50 miles. Nearly 800 cords were in the raft, which makes the loss rather severe on them.—Alaska News.

Lord Sholto as an Actor.

Lady Sholto Douglas has signed a contract to appear at the Alcazar theater, San Francisco, for two weeks.

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"One day I was up on the roof of a building I own in Pine street, just looking it over to see that it was all right. I climbed up and looked into one of the big water tanks in the building, and seeing a dead sparrow floating on the surface of the water bent over to take it out. I lost my balance and fell in. The water in the tank came right up to my chin when I stood on my feet, and the top of the tank was three feet above my head. The water was running all the time, and I could see that it usually stood about a foot higher than where it was. It occurred to me that unless I got out pretty quick or turned off the water I would be drowned.

"I soon found that getting out without help was next to impossible, so I got out my pocket knife and went to work cutting a hole in the side of the tank as low down as I could work and keep my head above water. Cutting through three inches of pine was no easy job. The water was slowly rising, and before I got a hole through the side of the tank I was standing on tiptoe with just my nose out of the water and every blade broken out of my knife.

"I made the hole big enough so that the water ran right down to its level. And the next thing was to get out. It was impossible to climb out without assistance, and I couldn't cut my way out with a broken penknife. I knew I must attract some one's attention. I pulled off my shirt, tore it into strings, tied my lead pencil to my knife and both to the toe of one of my shoes, and then, putting my undershirt on the pencil waved it slowly and laboriously over the top of the tank. I waved for hours and still no one came.

"Then it occurred to me to dive down and stop up the pipe leading from the tank to attract attention. It wasn't half an hour till people came up to see why the water would not run, and I was helped out after I had been standing in the cold water over six hours."

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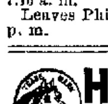
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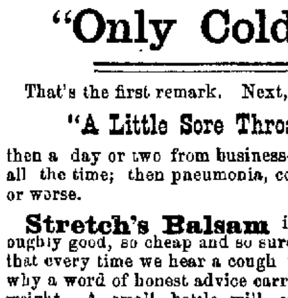
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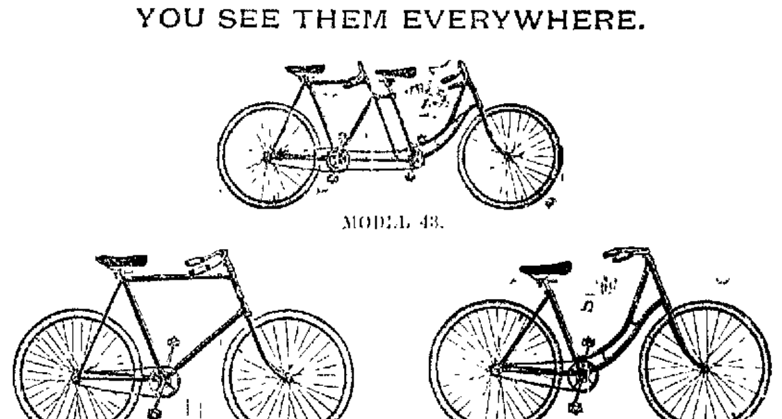
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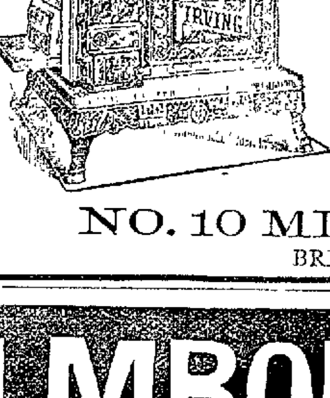
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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER CHANGING THE FACE OF NATURE.

To Accommodate His Palace the Oil Magnate Is Leveling a Mountain—The Place a Region of Historic Interest.

John D. Rockefeller's latest scheme is to cut the top off a mountain. Millionaires have a way of fixing things to suit themselves, but this is the first time one of that interesting class has undertaken to give nature points.

Mr. Rockefeller is the owner of a baronial estate back of Tarrytown, N. Y.—1,000 acres—which he will convert into a huge park at an expense of no one knows how much. On this estate is Kykuit mountain. From its summit can be viewed a scenic panorama that is not likely to be equaled on the side even of the man of many millions. Mr. Rockefeller made up his mind that this was the place for his baronial residence.

But Kykuit mountain had not been laid out for a residence site. Its summit was too steep. So it was decided to cut the top off, and a small army of men are hard at work now performing that singular operation.

Nowhere could be found a finer illustration of the potency of wealth. Here is a man using his gold to give the lie to tradition, widening it into a sword wherewith to shave the crests off "the everlasting hills." Mohammed, who ruled millions of men, was compelled to go to the mountain. Rockefeller, who owns millions of dollars, compels the mountain to descend to his chosen level.

Up at Tarrytown the people call the country round about the Pocantico hills. What the standard by which they distinguish between hills and mountains is no one seems to know. But after the visitor has rolled up the winding road leading from Tarrytown to the Rockefeller estate, he will make affidavit the Pocantico hills are in the same class with the Andes or the Himalayas. This is the scene where the millionaire's Brobdingnagian whim is being faithfully put into effect.

Not is the removal of the mountain top all that is being done. The mountain is being remodeled. Rows of stakes at different points on the slope indicate where additions are to be made, terraces constructed, and how far the lawn is to stretch its velvety surface before the Rockefeller slope begins. It is only proper to call it the Rockefeller slope because nature has nothing to do with it. It is the millionaire, his money and his men who are making this mountain. When the new mountain is finished, which will be some time next spring, an architect will draw plans for the mansion which is to be built thereon. Just what sort of a mansion it is to be has not been decided, but it is safe to say seven figures will be required to tell the cost.

When Mr. Rockefeller bought the old Parsons place at Tarrytown a few years ago, he kept his plans to himself. Little by little, however, he bought in adjacent property, and as the months rolled by his estate grew to mammoth proportions, until now it is a long journey from one end of his domain to the other. Nowhere along the Hudson river is there an estate like this, not a foot of which is to be used for growing anything but trees and grass and flowers. It is to be made as beautiful as the landscape gardener can conceive it. Drives are to be constructed throughout and the whole transformed into a park of exceeding beauty.

Much of this mammoth estate, where Mr. Rockefeller is making mountains or valleys as his fancy suits, is famous ground, partly for historical reasons and partly because of Washington Irving's legends. On the house where Mr. F. A. Bolce, Mr. Rockefeller's superintendent lives, is a big brass plate which tells the curious that it was here Major Andre stopped the night before his capture. Then, not far away, is the site of the old schoolhouse where, Irving has it, Ichabod Crane taught before his encounter with the Headless Horseman, and winding by is the road down which Brom Bones thundered that night he came to the conflagration.

The little three fringed valley at the foot of the northwestern slope is a part of Sleepy Hollow, and if one could see over the next hill Sleepy Hollow's ancient cemetery and the Old Dutch church would come into view.

So reticent has Mr. Rockefeller been about his plan to remodel a mountain and to transform his 1,000 acres into a park that Tarrytown people themselves know little about it. It only needs a visit to the place, however, to see the most convincing proof that the same resistless energy that has gathered a colossal fortune is urging toward completion a work which will be a marvel of its kind.—New York Journal.

A Remarkable Fossil.

One of the most curious carboniferous fossils ever found in the anthracite coalfields was discovered in the Dodge mine of Scranton, Pa., the other day by John B. Davis, a miner living on Bellevue street. It was the head and neck of a woman's figure, the features being regular and clearly defined. The fossil weighs 66 pounds and is composed of fire clay. It is 24 inches high, 14 inches from the tip of the nose to the back of the head, and the neck is 9 inches in diameter. The convolutions on the top of the head resemble curls of hair, and they end in a knot such as is worn at present in arranging the hair. The miner found it embedded in a solid piece of fire clay, and it dropped out entire when the chunk was broken.—Philadelphia Press.

To Smooth the Wrinkled Brow.

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Triumphant Resistance of a Puppy Tax.

A. E. Flickenger, a prominent citizen of Burton, Kan., believing that the tax of $1 on his pups was unjustly assessed, refused to pay the amount and was sent to jail. His friends secured several hundred signatures to a petition to the city council asking that body to repeal the ordinance under which the tax had been assessed and the penalty imposed. A special session of the council was held, and speeches were made in support of the petition. The ordinance was repealed, and a committe of business men, armed with an order for his release, waited on Mr. Flickenger at the jail and escorted him to the principal hotel, where he was given an elaborate banquet. Speeches were made extolling the prisoner for his heroism in accepting martyrdom for a principle.—St. Louis Republic.

Raises Muskrats For Profit.

Back of Afton, Va., in the mountains there lives a queer old man, who is a born trapper and hunter. He owns a little farm at the foot of the ridge, on which he raises corn and other produce, but it is chiefly valuable to him because it has a number of running brooks which furnish homes for myriads of the little fur bearing animals, the musquash, better known as the muskrat. The trapper carefully protects the little animals and will allow no trespassing on his preserves. He has fenced off in many places wet spots in the swaley meadows, so the rats can build their nests undisturbed by the poacher or neighboring dogs. His furs he carefully cures and markets in person to Staunton for the northern trade, which pays well for good skins. —Richmond Dispatch.

He Rides Upon the Storm.

Like the sea serpent, the inventor of the dirigible balloon travels eastward, ho! He is now in Canton, China. L'Independence Belge reports that an extra smart mandarin, Ti Lien Fou, lately invented a really dirigible balloon, and that he has been seen traveling through the air at various heights and in every direction, "even during terrific storms." It is constructed wholly of steel. Ti Lien Fou, it is said, will shortly come eastward, ho! to see Edison at Menlo Park in regard to further "improvement" of this aeroserpentine wonder.

May Be Commodore Depew.

Chauncey M. Depew has been posted for membership in the New York Yacht club. His proposer was Fordham Morris and his seconder Secretary J. V. S. Oddie. Dr. Depew says that as yet he has no idea of becoming a practical yachtsman, and that he does not intend either to buy a boat or have one built for him. But all that may come in time.

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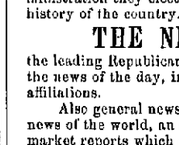
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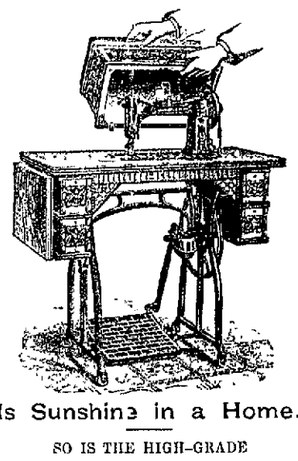
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